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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional)

Address to SIGNA Society

Executive Registry

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FROM:

Director, Office of External Affairs

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DATE

7 October 1982

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TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)

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COMMENTS (Number each comment to show from whom to whom. Draw a line across column after each comment.)

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At [] request, STAT
the attached remarks have been
drawn together for you to use
in your address to the SIGNA
Society this afternoon. Taking
[] suggestion, STAT
the remarks focus on the problem of
leaks, providing a good ten
minute introduction to the after-
noon's program.

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Not Signed -
Handcarried
directly into the
DCI.

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ADDRESS TO SIGNA SOCIETY

7 OCTOBER 1982

I AM HAPPY TO BE HERE TODAY TO WELCOME ALL OF YOU BACK TO YOUR PAST HOME AWAY FROM HOME. I ALWAYS WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH CIA RETIREES. IT IS ALWAYS GRATIFYING TO KNOW THAT ALL OF YOU HAVE A CONTINUING INTEREST IN THE WORKINGS OF THIS AGENCY. I KNOW THAT MANY OF YOU ARE NOW DOING SIMILAR WORK ON THE OUTSIDE IN THE SECURITY AREA AND THAT SIGNA, SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN 1970, HAS BEEN OF ENORMOUS SUPPORT TO US.

MANY OF THE PROBLEMS YOU WERE FACED WITH WHEN YOU WORKED AS SECURITY OFFICERS HERE AT CIA IN THE PAST REGRETTABLY REMAIN WITH US. I WOULD LIKE TO ASSURE YOU, HOWEVER, FROM THE OUTSET THAT STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN TO RECTIFY MANY OF THESE PROBLEMS BOTH INTERNALLY UNDER THE DIRECTION OF [REDACTED] AND STAT COMMUNITY-WIDE WITH THE STRONG SUPPORT OF THIS ADMINISTRATION. NONETHELESS, SECURITY PROBLEMS REMAIN A FORMIDABLE ADVERSARY TO THE INTELLIGENCE BUSINESS. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE IN REGARD TO THE CONTINUING LEAKS OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION. AS MANY OF YOU ARE AWARE, LEAKS HAVE REACHED EPIDEMIC PROPORTIONS-- MORE THAN 250 WERE REPORTED AND INVESTIGATED IN THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY IN 1981. THE DAMAGE CAUSED BY THESE LEAKS IMPACT ON OUR NATIONAL SECURITY POSTURE, THE COUNTRY'S INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITIES AND THUS THE CREDIBILITY OF THIS

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